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In re the Application of

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For: POSITIONING DEVICE HAVING DYNAMICALLY ISOLATED FRAME, AND LITHOGRAPHIC DEVICE PROVIDED WITH SUCH A POSITIONING DEVICE

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 21, 2001, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A positioning device with an object table and a drive unit by which the object table is displaceable over a guide parallel to at least an X-direction, which guide is fastened to a first frame of the positioning device while a stationary part of the drive unit is fastened to a second frame of the positioning device which is dynamically isolated from the first frame, wherein a reaction force exerted by the object table on the drive unit during operation and arising from a driving force exerted by the drive unit on the object table is transmittable exclusively into the second frame, wherein the object table is coupled to the stationary part of the drive unit exclusively by a Lorentz force of a magnet system and an